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SUBJECT: SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE

1. ON THIS DATE (NOV. 2) A PACKAGE ARRIVED AT THE EMBASSY BY REGULAR MAIL ADDRESSED TO THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE NATIONAL GENDARMERIE. LOCAL RECEPTIONIST GAVE THE PACKAGE TO THE MSG ON DUTY WHO DETECTED METAL INSIDE WITH HIS METAL DETECTOR. PACKAGE WAS THEN X-RAYED BY RSO. CONTENTS APPEARED TO BE THE COMPONENTS OF A BOMB.

2. PACKAGE WAS ALSO THOUGHT TO BE SUSPICIOUS BECAUSE EMBASSY HAD INFORMATION THAT GENDARMERIE IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL HAD RECENTLY BEEN RAIDED AND FRANKING STAMPS FOR FREE POSTAGE LIKE THOSE APPEARING ON THE PACKAGE HAD BEEN STOLEN.

3. PACKAGE WAS THEN TAKEN TO A VACANT CORNER LOT TWO DOORS FROM THE EMBASSY AND THE GOA FEDERAL POLICE BOMB SQUAD WAS CALLED. BOMB SQUAD ARRIVED, THE AREA WAS CLEARED AND THE PACKAGE WAS DETONATED. CONTENTS OF THE PACKAGE WERE FOUND TO BE A "RADIOSONDE" WEATHER BALLOON INSTRUMENT PACKAGE WHICH HAD LANDED IN CHUBUT PROVINCE IN SOUTHERN ARGENTINA. THE PACKAGE HAD LANDED ON SEPT. 13, 1976 AND WAS TAKEN TO THE LOCAL GENDARMERIE WHO FORWARDED IT TO THE EMBASSY AS PER INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED INSIDE. CONTENTS OF THE PACKAGE HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE SCIATT.
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